East Wash. Savings.... 121/4 ... Sec. Sav. & Com...... 152

Firemen's 18 ...

Ger-American 280 ...

Nat Union 64 8

Potomac 28 ...

TITLE INSURANCE STOCKS.

MISCELLANEOUS STOCKS.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

bers et ur. to John H. Goosdy, let se, square 1824, 819 M street northwest—Henrietta M. Halliday to Harry Wardman and Thomas Bones, lot 61, square 184, 819.

1812 N street northwest—Harry Wardman et al. to Henrietta M. Halliday, lot 64, square 189, 810 (subject to a trust of 817,500). Thirteenin street, between B and O streets southeast—John F. Lee et ur. to Harry A. Kits, lot 276, saguare 1015, 810.

L. street northeast, between North Capitol and First streets, and D street southeast, between Eleventh and Twelfth streets—Harry A. Kits et ur. to John A. Petty, lots 420 to 481, square 674; lots 24 to 28, square 991, \$10.

BUILDING PERMITS.

The following building permits

were issued today. F. M. Johnson, to

build two brick dwellings at 432-434

Canal street southwest; architect, W. Edgar Houser; builder, F. M. Johnson; estimated cost, \$7,500. Harry Wardman, to build three brick dwellings from 1828 to 1332 Sixteenth

street northwest; architect, T. R. White; builder, Harry Wardman; es-

timated cost, \$30,000. D. J. Dunigan to build four brick dwellings from

builder, D. J. Dunigan; estimated

12-YEAR-OLD BOY PREACHES

A Dozen Converts Respond to Ru-

BALTIMORE, Jan. 15 .-- A dosen per

ons walked up the aisles of Riverside

Baptist Church and shook the hand of Rufus Wilson Holder, twelve years

old, son of the pastor of the church

the boy had concluded a sermon on

non and his call for those who wished

to profesh religion has met with a

Rufus is in the eighth grade of the

FIRE PUT OUT WITH MILK

Quickness of Laborer Saved Barn

ing with buckets of water. Before they reached the scene a man, who

BRITAIN GRABS WOOL.

and extinguished them.

Filled With Grain.

Church since Septem

fus Holder's Call.

Arlington 8%

Security Storage 185
Washington Market ... 18
U. S. Realty Co..... '11

FIRE INSURANCE STOCKS.

WALL ST. MARKET

FIRST HOUR OF TRADING PROVES TO BE QUIET.

U. S. Steel Makes Small But Steady Gains-Other Similar Shares Inactive __ Copper Group Listless But Firm. Shipping Issues in Demand. Mercantile Marine Common Advances Point.

NEW YORK, Jan. 15 .- The stock market in the first hour of trading Texas Co ... 23014 232 was a quiet affair with a generally firm undertone. There were numerous Undwood... 103 strong spots and a few weak ones, but trading on the whole lacked in- Un Pac pf ... 841/2 itiative, and still bore the stamp of United Drug 75 professionalism. U. S. Steel made Un Cig Sto., 100% 100% small, but steady gains to above 112.

The copper group was also listless but USRb1p.. 112 112 firm. There was good demand for the Un R Inv 9% shipping issues. Mercantile Marine UnR Invp 21 common advanced a point and the USR & Im.. 12 preferred more than two points. Atlantic Gulf moved up more than a point and a half. Among the motor issues general motors new common after opening at 109 reacted to 107% Central Leather was reactionary, losing more than two points.
United States Rubber was in good

demand at the opening at an extreme advance of 21% points, but steadily receded below the Saturday closing. Pressed Steel car moved up two points; also United States Industrial

The Railroad list was again quiet with unimportant changes in prices. Union Pacific was under slight pressure. Reading and most of the other shares in that department held closely to the Saturday level.

Today's Quotations. Quotations today up to 1:30 o'clock were as follows: Advance p... 35 Alaska G.... 834 834 736 734 Alaska Ju... Al Chal Mfg. 27 27 2714 Am Ag Chm. 87 87 Am Bt Sug. . 93 93 9214 9214 Am Can 44% 45% A Can pf 108% 108% 4534 4456 10834 Am Car Fdy. 85% 6614 65 A Cot Oll 49 AH&Lp... 6816 6816 68 683 A Ice Sec ... 30 7614 7514 Am Loco 7514 A Mait Cp .. 4816 4814 Am Smelt ... 10634 10734 A Smelt p... 117 117 117 117 A Steel Fy. 62 Am Sugar ... 1111/6 1111/6 1111/6 11134 A Tel & Tel .. 12314 12334 12314 4514 Am Wool ... 4514 45% Am W Pp ... 44 Am Zinc Am Zinc p ... 70% 70% 70% 7034 Anaconda... 10436 10414 AT&SF ... 10416 10434 AT&SFp., 9914 9934 11134 At G W I 110 Balt & Ohio. 83% 88% 55 55 Bald Loco ... Barrett 129 120 129 129 Barretts rts. 234 254 254 Beth Steel 470 470 Brunswick.. 914 934 Butte Sup... 48 Cal Petm... 2414 Cal Pet pf... 5414 2514 2414 55 5436 16014 15814 Can Pac 15814 Cen Lthr.... 90% 90% 88% Chandle.... 97 98 Chi & NW ... 121, 121 121 121 C, M & St P .. 9014 9014 8934 C, M & St Pp 12414 12414 12414 12414 C, RI & Pet. 30% 31% 30% 3114 2536 Chile Cop... 2514 2514 2534 Chino Cop .. 5416 C,C,C&StL pi 78% 78% Col F & I 451/4 45% 45 Colum G & E 41% 48 Con GEL&P. 124 124 Col South... 27 Con Calhn ... 18 Corn Prod. .. 211/4 Con Can.... 89 89 Cruc Steel .. 6214 6334 Cuba Cane .. 50 50 Cuba C pf ... 9354 9354 Distirs' Sec. 323/6 8234 Eric 1st pf .. 47 47 Brie 3 pf.... 37% 37%

Goodrich... 551/4 551/4 541/4

91

8514

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15

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39%

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5334

6135

7156

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4316 4316

15

40%

21/4

8314

4914

231/2

7736

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5214

71

4136 40% -41

19

611/4 611/4

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40%

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Gt. Nor pf... 116 116 116 116

G. N. Ore.... 351/4 351/4 351/4

Gen Elec... 16814 16814

Granby..... 89

G. Mot. new. 109

G. M., pf.new. 91

Greene C ... 4334

Hyst Crp 84

Hvst NJ.... 120

Inspiration. 56

Inter C 15

K. Co. El. pr. 2%

LE&W pf ... 4934

Lee Tire 2816

Long Isld... 37

Loose W.... 26

Mar ot pf ...

Max Mot....

May DpS ... 611/2

Max M 1 pf .. 71%

Miami Cop. 41

M K&T pf ... 19

M K&Tex... 8%

Int Nkl.... 411/6 411/6

Lack Stl.... 8814 8414

Lehigh V ... 771/2 771/2

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Mex Pet.... 104 10414 10314 104

Int Nick cts. 41% 41% 40%

Ont Silver ... 5% Ohio C Gas. . 105 Quicksilver. 2 Pac Mail.... 20 Pac T & T ... 3214 3214 3214 3214 P Marqprwi 711/6 7136 71 71 Penn R R ... 5614 Peoples Gas. 103% 10354 104 Pitts C et 441/2 45% Press S Car.. 77 78 Ray Cons ... 2614 2634 2656 26 Ry St Sprng. 50 50 50 Reading.... 99% 100% Sears-Roeb., 22734 22834 Seab'rd AL. 17 1734 17 373/6 Sea A L pf ... 3714 3714 3734 South Pac... 9614 9614 South Ry ... 301/2 304 Shattuck ... 2514 . 2614 Sloss-Shef... 67% 6734 6754 Studebaker. 5105 105% 10435 10534 Stutz Mot ... 511/4 511/4 5136 5134 St L&SF. .. 2314 2314 2314 2314 Ten.C & C.wi 1434 1436 1436 1436 Tob Prod... 5516 5516 55 55% 10314 103 10314 Union Pac. 1431/ 144 14334 14334 8414 8414 8434 75% 75% U-S Ind Al... 120 122 11936 12136 The other steel spares were inactive. US Rub.... | 60 60 573% 5834 112 112 954 956 934 21 21 21 111/6 1134 US Sm & R.. 6314 U S Steel 11134 11234 11136 11236 US Steel pf. 11934 120 11,934 120 Utah Cop.... 104% 105% 104% 105% Wabash 141/2 1436 1436 1414 Wab p A 54% 5456 5436 5456 Wab p B 2814 West Md 2714 2734 28 Westhse.... 53 5314 5214 53 W.El&M.rts. 34 West UT... 951/2 95% 95% 9534 351/6 Willy Ov.... 36 3614 2114 W&LEwi. 211/4 2134 105% 105% Wells F Ex. 105% 105% Worth & M. . 26 26 26 26 Woolwth... 1441/ 1441/ 1441/ 1441/

1; American Zinc, pfd, 1½; Republic International and Steel, 1½; Va.-Car Chemical. %; United Drug, pfd., %; Kelley Springfield Tire, 1; U. S. Rubber, pfd, 2; Inter. Nickel, pfd., 14; Inter- Nickel, pfd ct., 11/4.

Sales up to 11 a. m...... 173,500 Sales up to noon..... 227,600 Sales up to 1 p. m...... 287,200

CENSUS COTTON REPORT

Amount Consumed Lower Than in December, 1915.

Cotton consumed during December (exclusive of linters), amounted to 536,587 running bales, against 555,005 in December, 1915, according to a report by the Census Bureau today. Of this amount, 397,617 bales was consumed in cotton-growing States, against 295,528 the previous year.
Linters consumed during December amounted to 69,610 bales, against 76,-

932, December, 1915. Cotton held in consuming establish ments on December 31, amounted to 2,362,960 bales, against 1,853,046 December 31, 1915; and in public stor ages and at compres bales, against 5,195,653.

Imports for the month amounted to 34,339 500-pound bales, against 43,724 in the same month of 1915. Exports for the month reached (in-cluding linters), 737,502 running bales, against 558,278 in 1915.

Cotton spindles active during De-sember, numbered 32,864,474 against 31,745,772 in the corresponding month 25% of 1915. Linters held in consuming estab-

16014 lishments, 160% lishments, December 31, 106,627 bales, 89% against 110,222 in 1915; and in public storage and at comprehees, 142,472 bales, against 149,042 in 1915. Exported 10,081 bales against 11,629 in 1915.

> WHOLESALE PRODUCE MARKET BUTTER-Elgin print, 45c; Elgin, 45c; process, 35@36c; store packed, 28@36c.

EGGS-Nearby, 50c; Southern, 47648c. CHEESE-New York State, factory, new, POULTRY-Live hens, per lb., 18c; roos-

| 155 | 156 | 157 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 | 158 III Cent.... 1051/2 1051/2 1051/4 1051/4

BALTIMORE GRAIN MARKET. 4134 BALTIMORE, Jan. 15.-Wheat-Int. Paper... 43½ 44½ 43½ 44½ No. 2 red, \$1.98½. No. 1 red western Int Pap p... 102½ 102½ 102½ 102½ spot, \$2.03½. Receipts, 235,356 bush-les. Exports, 400,377 bushels. Corn—Firmer Int Nick ct p 1081/2 1081/2 1061/2 Firmer, January, February and spot

45½ eis. Exports, 400,377 bushels.
Corn—Firmer, January, \$1.08½.
Set mixed, \$1.09½ No. 3 yellow,
\$4.09. Cob corn, \$4.75 per barrel. Receipts, 295,787 bushels. Exports, 422,
2314 Oats—Firm standard with the company of 23½
38½
64½ cents. No. 3 white, 63½ cents.
77½
Receipts, 18,008 bushels. Exports,
370,620 bushels.

Loansh... 1315 1315 1315 1315 1315 Rye—Firmer, No. 2 western ex-Mackay..... 88 881 88 8814 No. 2 western ex-ports, \$1.55 and \$1.56. Receipts, 37, 031 bushels. No exports. Hav—Steady. No. 1 timothy \$17.50 Marine ct. . 2414 2514 2414 2514 and \$18. No. 1 clover mixed, \$16 and

TO SAFEGUARD HUNTERS

Food Boxes Spread Through Forests of Wisconsin.

MUNSING, Mich., Jan. 15 .- Food M K&T pf... 19 19 19 19 19 MUNSING, Mich., Jan. 10.—Food boxes for lost hunters are being spread throughout Northern Wisconsin woods—a result of the recent near tragedy of a Chicago hunter who was lost in the woods for four days and found nearly starved.

Nev Cons... 231/2 241/2 231/2 24

Nor & West. 134 134 134 134 hunters in the woods here trying to

LOCAL MARKET

TRADING ALMOST AT STAND: STILL TODAY.

Prices Remain Firm Throughout Lists-Fifteen Shares of Capital Traction Stock Change Hands at 84-Ten Shares of Continental Trust Company Sells at 127 1-2.

Trading was almost at a standstill at today's session of the Washington Stock Exchange, without any sign of the accumulation of orders over the week-end that usually swells Monday's business. Prices remained firm, however, throughout the list.

Odd lots of Capital Traction stock, aggregating fifteen shares, changed hands at 84, while the figures for the stock in quotation lots remained un-changed, with 83% bid and 84% asked. A ten-share lot of Continental Trust Company stock sold at 1271/2 This is an advance of a point and a half over the price at which ten shares of this stock sold a few days

The only other stock sale was a three-share lot of American Security and Trust Company stock at 260 Washington Gas stock was strong with 70 bid and 71 asked, ex dividend Eighty-two was still bid for Railway preferred, with 82% asked.

Light as was the demand for stocks, bond sales were even lighter, \$300 worth of American Graphophone Company small 1st 6's at 1021/4 being the only business recorded.

It is understood that United States 211/4 Rubber Company's \$60,000,000 bonds will be offered to the public early next week. Although offering price has not been made public, it is ex-pected that the bonds will yield 5 per

3914 to 3920 Morrison street north-west; architects, Landvoight & Cook; cent or better.

This issue will provide the company funds to take up about \$20,800,000 of long-time bonds and notes, and will retire approximately \$25, of present floating debt. In addition it will give the company at least \$10, 000,000 of new working capital with which to finance its rapidly growing business

Opinion in the munitions industry is divided on the question of whether any of the large shell orders now being placed in Canada will be sublet on this side of the border. Some trade authorities say that Canada is al-ready behind on deliveries and cannot possibly fill such heavy business

as she is getting.

Union Bag and Paper Corporation
has purchased the entire capital
stock of the Badger Bag and Paper
Company, of Wausau, Wis. The
Badger company manufactures paper bags and has a capacity for 2,000,000 daily. This is the second acquisition by the Union Bag and Paper Corporation since its incorporation last

TODAY'S SALES.

American Graphophone 6's \$200@ 02%, 100@102%. Capital Traction, 10684, 5684. American Security and Trust, 3@260. Continental Trust, 10@1271/2.

LOCAL BOND MARKET.

1	GOVERNMENT BONDS.	
d		Aske
9	U. S. Reg. 2's 35%	

	U. S. Coupon 2's 99%	
	U. S. Reg. 3's 100%	
	U. S. Coupon 3's 100%	
	U. S. Coupon 4's 110%	
	W. C. 2.65's Gas Bonts 103%	
	Geo. Gas. Cert. Ind. 5's 104%	
	Georgetown Gas 5's 105%	
3	Wash, Gas 5's 106	197
1	Col. Gas & Elec. 5's 89	
1	Col. Gas & Elec. Deb. 5's 80	
1		-
1	RAILROAD BONDS.	
ı	Cap. Trac. R. R. 5's 1061/2	107
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Anacostia & Poto-nac 5's 98 City & Suburban 5's . . . 102 Metropolitan R. R. 5's . . 103% Wash, Ry. & Elec. 4's . . 82 Wash, Al. & Mt. V. 5's

MISCELLANEOUS BONDS.

Pot. Elec. Cons. 5's 1011/2 Pot, Elec. Lt. 5's. . . . 104 1/2 C. &. P. Tel. 5's. 104 1/2 Amer. Tel. & Tel. 4's Amer. Tel. & Tel. 41/2's.. 105 Amr. Grapho, 1st 6's 101% D. C. Paper Mfg. 5's.... Wash. Mark. 5's 1927.... 98 Wash Market 5's 1947 .. 98 W. M. Cold Stor. 5's.... 98 N. & W. Steamboat 5's.. 105 Riggs Real, 5's (short) 101 Riggs Real 5's (long) .. 101% U. S. Realty 5's 104 PUBLIC UTILITY STOCKS.

Capital Traction 83% Wash. Ry. & Elec. com. . Wash. Ry. & Elec. pfd. . N. & W. Steamboat.... 156 Georgetown Gas 70 Georgetown Gas *Am. Tel: & Telga.... 1231/4 Am. T. & Tel. rights.... 1%

TYPE MACHINE STOCKS. MINING STOCK.

Greene-Cananea 40 NATIONAL BANK STOCKS, American Nat. Bank.... 151 Capital Nat. Bank..... 222 Columbia Nat. Bank 240 Commercial Nat. Bank. 192
District Nat. Bank. 145
Far. & Mech. Nat. Bank. 240
Federal Nat. Bank. 157 1/2 Lincoln Nat. Bank 160 Nat. Metropolitan Bank. 205

Riggs Nat. Bank...... 500 Second Nat. Bank...... 142 Nat. Bank of Wash.... 220 TRUST COMPANY STOCKS. Amer. Sec. & Trust.... 259 National Sav. & Trust ... 275 Continental Trust..... 1261/2 130

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GERMANY IS GAINING SUPREMACY IN AIR

W. Joynson Hicks, M. P., Says **British Army's Security** Is Jeopardized.

AMERICAN GRAFT CHARGE

All and 320 Oakland street northwest—Charles J. Butler et ux. to Ida B. Taylor, lots 18 and 19, block 7, LeDroit Park, 810. Addition to Richmond Park and Cleveland Park—South Boston Realty Company, Inc., to G. Gilmer Basley, lots 81 and 82, square 1978, in addition to Richmond Park; lot 55, square 1978, in Cleveland Park, 810. Richmond Park and Cleveland Park, 810. Richmond Park and Cleveland Park—G. Gilmer Easley et ux. to William B. Minnix, lot 53, square 1956, \$10. Congress Heights extension—Reuben B. Timbers et ux. to John H. Goosby, let 59, square 5956, \$10. gines Enable Them to Outfly the Allies.

air, according to W. Joynson Hicks, one of the most active members of the House of Commons, who has made the futility of complaining to the government and appeals to the press intervene and compel immediate actacks the authorities for permitting the payment of huge commissions to

Germans Reach Greater Heights.

the parable of the prodigal son.

The lad has preached in the church twice before, and both times his ser-

Rufus is in the eight grade of the public school and has been preaching for some time. His talks are clear, show the result of considerable thought and are delivered in an ap-"Beyond this there needs to be a very definite inquiry as to the work of he royal naval air service. When the admiralty was forced to admit last

Disentisfaction in Commons

pails of milk on the flames of the Times, writing on the evidences Although milk is retailing at 10 cents a quart, the owner of the barn the war, says the resentment of the country has permeated the House of and cows does not regret the fless of several gallons of milk, for the barn was filled with wheat at \$2 a bushel and hay at \$30 a ton.

BRITAIN GRABS WOOL.

LONDON, Jan. 15.—The war office has announced an agreement with the Australian and New Zealand governments for the purchase of colonial wool clips on behalf of the war office and that detailed arrangements are making for the handling of this season's clips on government account. This action was taken to safeguard supplies of wool for the clothing of the British and allied armies and for maintaining continuity of production in the woolen and worsted industries, of Great Britain and her allies.

A Reuter dispatch from Melbourne says the sum involved in the government's purchases of wool is 30,000,000 pounds, sterling, and that the government plans with regard to the pur-40,000,000 pounds sterling.

German's More Powerful En-

LONDON, Jan. 15 .- Germany soon will have complete supremacy in the

the payment of huge commissions to intermediary American contractors.

"While the high powers are quarreling," he says, "the lives of our men are sacrificed and the security of our army is jec-ardized. The casualties among the Royal Flying Corps have increased, and many officers from the front complain that the curve has begun to move in the German direction.

"Our machines are out of date, as against the brilliant new ones that the Germans use. The model that fills up the bult of our squadrons is a beautiful stable machine, but it is utterly outclassed with its 99 to 100 horsepower engine by the new German machines, the Rumpier, Halberstadt and several others with engines of 240 to 260 horsepower now in use.

Germans Reach Grester Heights.

"They cruise around over our lines at a height of 18,000 to 20,000 feet, while the bulk of our machines are content with flying at a height of 8,000 or 10,000 feet. A few others can reach 15,000 feet. Everybody knows that in flying height is what the weather gauge was to Nelson.

"The new German machines crash down with all the added impetus of their descent upon our machines, with results disastrous to our intrepid young aviators who man them. They are effete machines and nothing more. "What both services, military and naval, have refused to realize is that success in aviation consists in engine power. This means not only pace, but climbing power. In the Germany army everything has been made to give way to higher power in engines.

"There is one mode only in which we cannot merely regain our position but get what we never have had, the command of the sir. That is to scrap relentiessly all the lower power engines and build, as an officer of the flying corps with much experience said to me only last week, fewer machines if necessary, but higher powered ones.

admiralty was forced to admit last week in the House of Commons that in a contract for supplying airplanes from America, running into more than \$10,000,000, there was included a commission of 16 per cent, nearer \$2,000,000 than \$1,000,000, the taxpayer is entitled to ask whether that was necessary, when both the vender and the purchaser were willing and anxious to contract.

WAYNESBORO, Pa., Jan. 15.—Milk
was used in fighting a fire that
threatened the destruction of a large
barn on the Strickled farm, near
Waynesboro.
The fire was discovered by Mrs. S.
Elmer Beeler, who, with her daughter, Miss Helen Beeler, and Arthur
Kirkpatrick, ran to the blazing building with buckets of water. Before

of dissatisfaction with the conduct of

country has permeated the House of Commons, and the ministers are becoming daily weaker in their own stronghold. He continues:

"There is no difference of opinion whatsoever about the reason for the growing unpopularity of the government. It is due entirely to their fallure to wage the war with vigor and to organize the nation and themselves. At this moment a half dozen great problems all directly connected with the war and of most urgent importance have been overripe for solution for weeks.

"The man power question has advanced to a stage that is acute, though the whole future of next year's campaign depends upon its settlement early this winter. The air board crisis is still protracted from day to day. While views are exchanged between Lord Balfour and Lord Curson, the air services wait for machines. Meanwhile the German submarine campaign goes steadily forward, while such insistent questions as arming volunteers and the

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organisation of merchant ship building remain in abeyance.

"So does the question of increasing the production of food. Every expert agrees about the danger. The ministers have their advice on record, but still days pass and nothing is done. As for the prevention of waste, the government's proceedings are fapidly becoming a laughing stock."

TRY EASTLAND SUITS

Aftermath of Steamboat Disaster In Chicago Courts.

CHICAGO, Jan. 15 .- Although more than a year and a half has elapsed since the picnic steamer Eastland turned turtle at her dock in the Chicago river here, snuffing out the lives of 812 men, women and children, compensation for their deaths has not been made, and the suits growing out of the disaster today are in a bad legal tangle.

Surviving relatives of the 812 wage workers who met death on the East.

workers who met death on the East land are, in many instances, poor people who depended on the earnings of the victims of the disaster.

Interest in the situation today cen-

ters on the question of whether \$73 suits for damages in Federal court shall be consolidated and all tried at nce, or tried separately. Should the supreme court order the cases tried separately, as the owners of the Eastland demand, it is

fifteen years, allowing a minimum of two weeks for each case There is a bill before Congress to give the United States Court of Claims jurisdiction in the cases. This would open the way for the surviving relatives of victims to make claim against the Government. - Many of them blame the Federal steamboat

estimated that the trials will last

inspection service for the disaster. BLINDFOLDED FOR TRUCE

Austrian And Italian Officers Meet In "No Man's Land."

ROME, Jan. 15.—How hostilities beween Italian and Austrian troops were mporarily suspended while blindfolded the merits of a certain explosive in or the first time.

The Austrians hoisted the white flag The Austrians hoisted the white flag of a temporary truce and negotiated a discussion by wigwags. The Italians accepting, the Austrian representatives masked their eyes and crossed No Man's Land for the Italian trenches. The Italians gave them safe conduct to head-quarters. Following the conference the blindfolded officers were led back to their own fortifications and hostilities. their own fortifications and hostilitie

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